

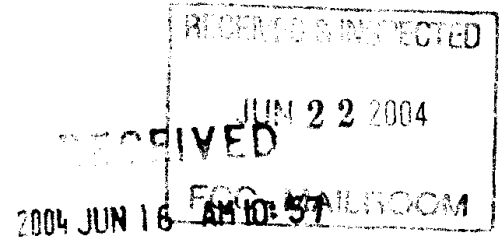
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June 16, 2004


RE: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45
TX PUC Project No. 25787 - FCC Letters Regarding ETC Designation Pursuant
to FTA '96 §214(e) (2)

ETC Amendment – Santa Rosa Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

Pursuant to Section 214(e) (2) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (the "Act") and 47 C.F.R. sections 54.201 – 54.203, the Texas Public Utility Commission (TPUC) has granted an amendment to the eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) designation of Santa Rosa Telephone Cooperative, Inc. **Santa Rosa has been granted an amendment for the addition of the Valor exchange of Aspermont.** The attached TPUC Order No. 3, Notice of Approval for an Amendment to Its Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) and Eligible Telecommunications Provider (ETP), in Docket No. 29656, issued on June 15, 2004.

If you require any additional information please call Janis Ervin at (512)-936-7372.

Sincerely,


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DOCKET NO. 29656

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APPLICATION OF SANTA ROSA
TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC. FOR
AMENDMENT OF DESIGNATION AS AN
ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS
CARRIER (ETC) PURSUANT TO P.U.C.
SUBST. R. 26.418 AND AS AN ELIGIBLE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROVIDER
(ETP) PURSUANT TO P.U.C. SUBST.
R. 26.417

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ORDER NO. 3

**NOTICE OF APPROVAL FOR AN AMENDMENT TO ITS DESIGNATION AS
AN ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER (ETC) AND
ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROVIDER (ETP)**

Procedural History

On May 3, 2004, Santa Rosa Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (Santa Rosa) filed an application for amendment of its designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC), which was assigned Docket No. 29656. Santa Rosa simultaneously filed an application for amendment of its designation as an eligible telecommunications provider (ETP), which was assigned Docket No. 29654. The applications provided in these dockets sought an amendment to include the exchange of Aspermont in Santa Rosa's respective ETP and ETC designations effective no later than July 1, 2004. Aspermont is served by Valor Telecommunications of Texas, LP.

Santa Rosa holds Certificate of Operating Authority (COA) No. 50018 granted in Docket No. 19488, on August 13, 1998, and amended on July 5, 2000, in Docket No. 22551, to expand the service area and change the COA designation to a Service Provider Certificate of Operating Authority (SPCOA) designation. SPCOA No. 60373 was assigned to Santa Rosa. Santa Rosa was initially granted ETC designation in Docket No. 21488 and ETP designation in Docket No. 21489 on November 12, 1999.

On May 17, 2004, Order No. 2 consolidated the two dockets under Docket No. 29656, closing Docket No. 29654, and granting a waiver of P.U.C. SUBST. R. 26.417(f)(1)(B)(i)(II) to allow the administrative processing of the applications simultaneously, and finding the consolidated application sufficient.


On June 10, 2004, Staff filed its recommendation on final disposition. Santa Rosa has affirmed the commitments previously made to meet all requirements of P.U.C. SUBST. R. 26.418, and 26.417. Having met all of the criteria, Staff recommended that Santa Rosa's application be approved and the amended designation for the Valor exchange of Aspermont be granted.

Ordering Paragraph

Based on Staff's recommendation, pursuant to P.U.C. SUBST. R. 26.418 and 26.417, Santa Rosa's application for an amendment to its ETC and ETP designation to add the Valor exchange of Aspermont is approved.

SIGNED AT AUSTIN, TEXAS ON THIS the 15th day of June 2004.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS



IRENE MONTELONGO
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
POLICY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION